

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

All games this weekend will be played on Sunday and the most attractive fixture would appear to be Pan Hellenic v. Kearsley.

Pan Hellenic unexpectedly was held to a draw last Sunday by Belmont-Swansea whilst Kearsley equally surprised by going down to Dudley-Redhead.

On form Pan Hellenic should have no difficulty in defeating Kearsley but it is felt that the more robust play of Kearsley could upset the rhythm of Pan Hellenic's play and if this happens a very close struggle would eventuate.

Jesmond are at home to leaders Weston and unless a complete reversal takes place, Weston should continue their undefeated run.

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Slavia United meets Belmont-Swansea and on paper this game should enable Belmont-Swansea to gain an additional two points to help it in its endeavour to ensure a semi-final berth.

Charlestown journeys to Dudley-Redhead and the home team should be victorious, although with two drawn games in the last two matches, Charlestown could be showing improvement in which case they could fully extend the Dudley-Redhead team.

Young Wallsend meets Merewether and with the visitors showing improved play this could also develop into a fine display of soccer.

On Saturday we see one of the outstanding matches of the season at S. & L. Oval when Hamilton Azzuri meets Macquarie Wanderers and a win to Wanderers would lift them within striking distance of the leaders and would dispose Hamilton Azzuri from the leadership, who at the same time cannot afford to lose their grip at this stage. I am predicting a win for Macquarie Wanderers and if this prediction is correct then a new premiership

leader could evolve from the match. Bellbird v. Toronto Diggers or Hamilton Azzuri could retain that position and goal averages.

Bellbird and Toronto Diggers are both on equal points but Bellbird has the better goal average and unless the unexpected happens, Bellbird should win but by only a narrow margin.

The Entrance journeys to Tighes Hill to meet Newcastle Tech. and here again we have two teams on equal points, consequently the result could go either way without surprising.

Stockton meets Nelson Bay and the latter could possibly join two or three other teams on equal points for the premiership lead.

South Wallsend play Teachers College in the remaining match and should have no difficulty in gathering an additional two points.

A point of interest in this Division is that we have played 44 matches and there has been not one drawn game. Who is going to be the first with the doubtful honour?

With Weston likely to go up, Cessnock is having such a poor run that it is nearing the danger zone of relegation. It would be tragic if a side of such tradition were to be forced into the Second Division, but that is what seems to be the shape of things to come. However, Cessnock has always been a grand fighting side and, with the question fair and square in front of it, we can expect a solid effort to escape the relegation zone. If the bid succeeds there will be many who will breath a sigh of relief.

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WATCH THE MARKINGS

Clubs in the North had better hustle up their groundsman, because the referees are on the war-path!

The tooters are upset at the casual markings of some of the playing pitches and are not going to put up with half-done, slip-shod jobs in future. And neither they should.

Grounds should be properly marked and, if clubs do the job and referees refuse to allow matches to go on, clubs have none but themselves to blame.

The rules state quite clearly what is required and it is high time the clubs obeyed the rules.

It needs only one referee to call a game off because the markings are not distinctive or correct, and there will be a big squeal, but the referee will be acting rightly—and for the good of the game.

The Northern Soccer

League should also insist that playing pitches be lined in white. This habit of the lines being brown should be outlawed. Spectators can't see the lines from any distance and, surely be to goodness, the spectators should come first. It is impossible to stand on one side of a ground, say at about the half-way mark, and see the penalty area markings.

Many players say they can't see them from a distance—and, if players are in the dark, how much is a paying patron losing. White markings would add to the presentation of a match and allow a spectator to become more a part of it.

On that count alone, white lines are an essential. I hope the referees make that item next on their list of demands. They would do a service, not only to themselves, but also for the game in the North in general if they did.—P.McK.

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LAKE MACQUARIE v. MAYFIELD

Ref.: J. Carlin. Linesmen: C. Jack, H. Hall.

AWABA v. WEST WALLSEND

Ref.: K. Urwin. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Turner.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL v. WALLSEND

Ref.: L. Mottershead. Linesmen: T. Ayre, F. Myles.

Last Week's Results

FIRST DIVISION.—Adamstown 5, West Wallsend 4; Newcastle Austral 7, Cardiff 2; Cessnock 3, Awaba 2; Lake Macquarie 1, Wallsend 1; Maitland 1, Mayfield United 3.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—Adamstown 4, West Wallsend 2; Maitland 5, Mayfield United 4; Lake Macquarie 1, Wallsend 3; Cessnock 0, Awaba 1; Newcastle Austral 1, Cardiff 3.

SECOND DIVISION.—Jesmond 2, Weston 4; Slavia United 0, Belmont-Swansea 3; Dudley-Redhead 6, Charlestown 1; Pan-Hellenic 5, Kearsley 0; Young Wallsend 5, Merewether 2.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grades Jesmond 0, Weston 4; Slavia United 0, Belmont-Swansea 8; Pan Hellenic 1, Kearsley 1; Dudley-Redhead 2, Charlestown 4; Young Wallsend 4, Merewether 2.

THIRD DIVISION.—Hamilton Azzuri 1, Macquarie Wanderers 1; Bellbird 3, Toronto Diggers 1; Newcastle Tech. 3, The Entrance 3; Stockton 1, Nelson Bay 10; South Wallsend 6, Teachers' College 3.

- Here and There -

Newcastle should have a fair share of representatives in the N.S.W. under 18 team which is to play eight matches in the North Island of New Zealand on a tour which begins on August 22. There will be something wrong if this is not so, for Newcastle has a wealth of players eligible for such a tour.

The tour programme is: August 22, v. Auckland, at Auckland; August 24, v. Waiatao, at Hamilton; August 27, v. Hawkes Bay, at Hastings; August 29, v. Wellington, at Wellington; August 31, v. Manawatu, at Palmerston North; September 1, v. Wanganui, at Wanganui; September 2, match to be arranged at New Plymouth; September 5, v. Post-primary representative XI at Auckland.

The David Turnbull Memorial Shield was presented to the Adamstown 'Rosebuds' Soccer Club by Mr. John Turnbull for and on behalf of the John Turnbull family in memory of a 'Rosebud' player, David Turnbull. David played all his Junior football with Adamstown and represented in most Junior grades and when his untimely death occurred in a car accident, he was playing in the 'Rosebud' Alliance team.

Each year the name of the 'Best and Fairest' player will be inserted on one of the miniature shields attached to the trophy and with this goes a special trophy to be kept permanently by the winning player. "Blue" McKenzie, of

Newcastle Austral, who seemed more sinned against than sinning when sent off the field during the recent since his only effort seemed to be to break up a fracas, was completely exonerated when he appeared before the Northern Soccer League Protests and Disputes' Committee. That was as it should be and will be a decision applauded by anyone who has watched McKenzie during the seasons and who have for long admired his clean play and splendid sportsmanship. McKenzie, genial and deservedly popular, is one of the finest club members in the game, a credit to himself and a great ornament to the code.

KNOW THE PLAYERS



LES SHARP: Young stopper for Awaba. Also one of the best wing half-backs in the game. Brother Barry plays inside left for same team.



H. SCHNEIDER: Young player who has played with numerous clubs in numerous positions. Always a worry to his opponents. Now centre forward for Maitland.

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PREMIERSHIP AT HALF-WAY MARK BUT NOTHING SETTLED

By PAUL MACKENZIE

The Northern Soccer League First Division premiership is half over but still not yet sufficiently settled down for one to have any hope of correctly forecasting either the pennant winner or the semi-final four. The second round, to begin this weekend, will tell the tale—and what a thriller it should be before we know all the answers.

Lake Macquarie is making a great bid for top place with its run of nine matches without loss and, on form, must be given a grand chance of doing equally well in the second round. However, form has been so topsy-turvy that none can be dogmatic enough to say it will.

Apart from Lake Macquarie's splendid effort, features of the first round were the collapse of West Wallsend and the great bound of Newcastle Austral from obscurity to fourth place on the points score table. Australs keeps Awaba, which, earlier in the season, seemed one of the teams hardest to beat, out of the top four by virtue of a better goal average. On its showing against Cardiff, which it defeated 7-2 on Sunday, Austral will make matters most interesting from now on—if it retains the form

it showed at Wallsend, of course.

Adamstown is another side which bears watching—not only for its good football but also for its premiership potential. Unbeaten in its four home matches and beaten only twice away, Adamstown is third on the table but equal on points with Wallsend, which it defeated in good style at Adamstown.

Wallsend, although second, has nothing to crow about. It gained only two points from its four away matches, while having a most impressive home record—five wins in five matches, 23 goals for and only four against. But it must not be overlooked that Wallsend meets most of its toughest opponents in the second round on the Crystal Palace playing pitch, starting with Newcastle Austral this weekend. It defeated Austral 6-0 in the first match of the season but things are different now. Then, on Sunday week, Wallsend will be at home to Adamstown, its conqueror of the first round.

Cardiff is the mystery side. It was undefeated in four of its five matches in the first round at Cardiff but did not gain a single point in its four away matches. And it has to play five times in the second round, while meeting some tough sides at Cardiff. It is now below Mayfield, another side with a great liking for its own playing pitch and which did not gain an away win till last Sunday at Maitland. But

It has scored only five points in nine matches and four of those points were gained at home. Its not encouraging form and, unless West Wallsend gets a sudden move on, its future is decidedly bleak. But it has the players who can win matches. It's difficult to put a finger on the side's ills but few enthusiasts will not be hoping for a quick recovery.

Cessnock won its first match on Sunday when it beat Awaba after having drawn three earlier matches. The win should give this battling side much encouragement. It might be on the way back. Let's hope so.

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WALLSEND	9	7	1	1	35	13	15
AWABA	9	6	2	1	23	5	14
ADAMSTOWN	9	6	2	1	35	10	14
CARDIFF	9	5	2	2	22	13	12
LAKE MACQ.	9	4	1	4	24	21	9
CESSNOCK	9	4	1	4	11	14	9
WEST WALLSEND	9	3	2	4	20	19	8
MAYFIELD	9	1	2	6	14	29	4
AUSTRAL	9	1	1	7	8	27	3
MAITLAND	9	1	0	8	12	53	2
TOTALS	90	38	14	38	204	204	90

SECOND DIVISION							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	9	9	0	0	47	9	18
PAN HELLENIC	9	7	1	1	29	6	15
BELMONT-SWAN.	9	5	1	3	27	18	11
YOUNG WALL.	9	4	3	2	18	22	11
KEARSLEY	9	4	1	4	19	19	9
JESMOND	9	4	1	4	21	21	9
DUDLEY-RED.	9	4	1	4	25	28	9
SLAVIA	9	4	1	4	11	25	5
CHARLESTOWN	9	0	2	7	11	34	2
MEREWETHER	9	0	1	8	8	36	1
TOTALS	90	41	12	39	216	216	90

SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	9	8	0	1	35	7	16
BELMONT-SWAN.	9	7	1	1	37	8	15
CHARLESTOWN	9	5	2	2	22	17	12
YOUNG WALL.	9	5	1	3	24	19	11
DUDLEY-RED.	9	5	0	4	26	19	10
SLAVIA	9	4	1	4	19	26	9
KEARSLEY	9	2	2	5	12	22	6
PAN HELLENIC	9	2	2	5	16	25	6
JESMOND	9	2	1	6	18	24	5
MEREWETHER	9	0	0	9	3	45	0
TOTALS	90	40	10	40	212	212	90

THIRD DIVISION							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	10	8	1	1	30	9	17
BELLBIRD	10	8	0	2	44	14	16
NELSON BAY	10	8	0	2	45	17	16
TORONTO DIG.	10	7	0	3	26	15	14
STH. WALLSEND	10	7	0	3	28	20	14
MACQ. WANDERERS	10	6	1	2	46	11	13
BARNSELY	10	5	0	4	29	22	10
N'CLE TECH.	10	3	1	6	17	38	7
THE ENTRANCE	10	3	1	6	19	52	7
STOCKTON	10	1	0	9	14	52	2
TEACHERS' COLL.	10	1	0	9	13	51	2
TOTALS	110	57	4	47	301	301	119

NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

	HOME MATCHES						AWAY MATCHES						TOTALS						
	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE ..	3	1	0	11	4	7	3	2	0	11	8	8	9	6	3	0	22	12	15
WALLSEND	5	0	0	23	4	10	0	2	2	8	11	2	9	5	2	2	31	15	12
ADAMSTOWN	4	0	0	15	9	8	1	2	2	10	14	4	9	5	2	2	25	23	12
AUSTRAL	3	0	1	18	10	6	1	1	3	8	13	3	9	4	1	4	26	23	9
AWABA	2	1	1	10	7	5	2	0	3	15	17	4	9	4	1	4	25	24	9
MAYFIELD	2	3	0	14	11	7	1	0	3	7	11	2	9	3	3	3	21	22	9
CARDIFF	3	1	1	11	6	7	0	0	4	7	20	0	9	3	1	5	18	26	7
MAITLAND	2	0	2	4	8	4	1	1	3	9	15	3	9	3	1	5	13	23	7
WEST WALLSEND	2	0	3	14	16	4	0	1	3	8	11	1	9	2	1	6	22	27	5
CESSNOCK	1	3	1	12	12	5	0	0	4	4	12	0	9	1	3	5	16	24	5
TOTALS	27	9	9	132	87	63	9	9	27	87	132	27	90	36	18	36	219	219	90

MACQUARIE JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The Macquarie Junior Association now has 2274 registered players, and during discussion at the last General Meeting delegates expressed concern at the increasing practice amongst Northern League Clubs to bring into the teams importations, to the exclusion of local products.

With a view to rectifying this situation in the future, Macquarie have instituted a system of coaching of players with most potential. Under this scheme a squad is selected in each age group which receives up to five months specialised coaching per year.

The high cost of this system causes some concern, however it is hoped that as a result of their training these players should in the future be given preference over importations by senior clubs.

The Macquarie Association realises the problem of senior clubs in obtaining class players, but refers them to the successful policy of the Lake Macquarie Club, who are using mainly local products in this year's teams.

Members of the Macquarie Association appreciate the action of the North-

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YOUNG WALLSEND SOCCER

The first round ended on a good note last Sunday when the senior team defeated the former first division side Merewether by 5 goals to 2.

Youngie are now vying with several other clubs for a place in the semi-finals and we start the second round with high hopes. Next week we meet the strong Jesmond side at home, and look for a big crowd to give support to the local lads.

The second team also recorded a good win 4-2 over Merewether.

A group of Speers Point business identities headed by Mr. Dick Herbert are prepared to accept financial responsibility for a challenge match between a Northern Under 23 select and this so called New South Wales Eleven to be played at Speers Point



RON BOSLEM: Played with Awaba before being transferred to Mayfield where he is doing a great job at No. 5.

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NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE

FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST DIVISION.—Saturday: Mayfield United v. Newcastle Austral; Sunday: Wallsend v. Adamstown; Cessnock v. West Wallsend; Maitland v. Lake Macquarie; Cardiff v. Awaba.

ALLIANCE LEAGUE.—As in First Division.
SECOND DIVISION.—Jesmond v. Belmont-Swansea; Kearsley v. Weston; Charlestown v. Slavia United; Merewether v. Pan-Hellenic; Young Wallsend v. Dudley-Redhead.

SECOND DIVISION.—Reserve grades Matches as in above draw.

THIRD DIVISION.—Hamilton Azzuri v. Toronto Diggers; The Entrance v. Macquarie Wanderers; Nelson Bay v. Bellbird; Newcastle Teachers' College v. Newcastle Technical College; Barnsley v. Stockton; South Wallsend, a bye.

FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

ADAMSTOWN v. CARDIFF

White with Red & Green

1. J. DORMAN
2. J. McNALLY
3. R. CLARK
4. B. DAYKIN
5. J. EASTON
6. J. POWER
7. D. JOHNS
8. R. BAARTZ
9. R. HOWELLS
10. W. COOK
11. C. CURRAN

Tangerine with White

1. G. TAYLOR
2. W. WALSTEAD
3. A. HOWE
4. J. O'BRIEN
5. T. ICETON
6. C. MOORE
7. J. HOBSON
8. M. BLACK
9. D. SCHIO
10. C. MYERS
11. J. SNEDDON

Ref.: A. Brown. Linesmen: A. Roberts, W. Gardiner.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

AWABA v. WEST WALLSEND

Blue with Gold Stripes

1. J. SMITH
2. R. HITCHCOCK
3. W. FIELD
4. R. REYNOLDS
5. J. PRETSWELL
6. L. SHARP
7. G. PINCHES
8. D. FIELD
9. R. BURGOYNE
10. H. GOODSIR
11. B. SHARP

Blue with White

1. W. ARMSTRONG
2. A. WILSON
3. K. WOODS
4. R. HUGHES
5. R. COOPER
6. R. SANGSTER
7. K. KAISER
8. T. YEATS
9. J. SHEEN
10. K. URWIN
11. D. AHRENS

Ref. K. Urwin. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Turner.

MAITLAND v. CESSNOCK

White with Black

1. M. BAMBACH
2. L. BUSH
3. S. ELLENBACHER
4. J. MEIER
5. F. RAUCH
6. F. WOOD
7. J. SNAITH
8. M. PARKER
9. K. GRANT
10. N. SCOTT
11. H. SCHNEIDER

Gold with Black

1. M. ROBERTS
2. R. JACKSON
3. K. ROWBOTTOM
4. A. JOHNS
5. C. ALMONDS
6. T. SNEDDON
7. T. BARR
8. J. LENNARD
9. J. BARR
10. D. WILLIAMS
11. J. PEEL

Ref.: R. Roth. Linesmen: W. Jones, H. Lonsdale.

LAKE MACQUARIE v. MAYFIELD

White with Blue & Gold

1. K. GABRIEL
2. J. HITCHCOCK
3. R. CLUNE
4. J. WOODS
5. J. WELLHAM
6. L. WALSH
7. J. DOYLE
8. W. WRIGHT
9. T. PAJKOVIC
10. G. HINCHCLIFFE
11. J. KING

Green with White

1. K. MINTER
2. B. SMITH
3. A. WEST
4. W. SHEEHAN
5. R. BOSLEM
6. A. LAMBKIN
7. B. LEWSAM
8. R. PRICE
9. K. McGUINNESS
10. A. SKELLEY
11. K. ROSS

Ref.: J. Carlin. Linesmen: C. Jack, H. Hall.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL v. WALLSEND

Mauve with White

1. J. LANZONI
2. E. SOKOLOWSKI
3. R. DEAN
4. J. DOOLAN
5. R. MCKENZIE
6. R. LLOYD
7. K. TWIDLE
8. W. BARON
9. T. GARRETT
10. W. HARVEY
11. W. PATON

Red with White

1. A. HOURIGAN
2. D. MCKENZIE
3. K. NOLAN
4. D. BULLEN
5. D. MORROW
6. G. GREEN
7. W. DAVIES
8. B. MORROW
9. K. WHITMORE
10. R. GILES
11. B. TISDALE

Ref.: L. Mottershead. Linesmen: T. Ayre, F. Myles.

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BEST AND FAIREST POINTS

Maitland v. Mayfield United.—

3: J. Meier (Mait.). 2: A. Lambkin (May.). 1: K. McGuinness (May.).

Lake Macquarie v. Wallsend.—

3: K. Gabriel (L.M.). 2: W. Davies (W.). 1: J. Wellham (L.M.).

Newcastle Austral v. Cardiff.—

3: J. Doolan (N.A.). 2: W. Harvey (N.A.). 1: R. McKenzie (N.A.).

Cessnock v. Awaba.—

3: T. Sneddon (C.). 2: L. Sharp (A.). 1: A. Johns (C.).

Adamstown v. West Wallsend.—

3: T. Yeats (W.W.). 2: J. Easton (A.). 1: R. Hughes (W.W.).



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What good sports and
good footballers they turned
out to be. Although tired
after their trip up, they
gave a somewhat hangover
and injury inflicted Gun-
nedah team a lesson in the
first half of the game. With
some "ring-in" replacements,
Gunnedah made it a keen
game in the second half for
Macquarie Wanderers to win
five to two.

Macquarie Wanderers
made a very nice gesture in
presenting a travelling clock
to John Paton as the best
and fairest Gunnedah player.
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On Saturday, Gunnedah
played Sydney 2nd Division
team Thistle, and put up one
of their best performances
to be beaten 3-1. This was
our annual joust with
Thistle and they came out
on top this year to win the
Tom McKnight Trophy.

The results of games
were:—

Under 10: Bankstown
Thistle 1 def. Gunnedah 0.
Under 12: Gunnedah 2
def. Thistle 1.

Under 14: Gunnedah 3
def. Thistle 1.

Under 16: Thistle 10 def.
Gunnedah 0.

Seniors: Thistle 3 def.
Gunnedah 0.

Our six-a-side tournament
resulted in many good
matches. Results of finals
were:—

Under 8: Ajax A def.
Liverpool Plains United.

Under 10: Wolseley In-

dependent A def. Breeza.

Under 12: Wolseley In-
dependent A def. Police
Boys A.

Under 14: Ajax A def.
Ajax B.

Under 16: Curlewis def.
Ajax.

Senior: Bankstown Thistle
def. Macquarie Wanderers
B.

Awaba met Thistle in the
quarter final but found that
they were a very thorny
problem as most Thistles
are.

Two teams of Gunnedah
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Armidale on Saturday to
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purely school football, the
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porters are keen to see all
our boys do well.

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LILLE (France): Aerico
of Rio de Janeiro 2, Lille
1.

LISBON — Portuguese
Cup: Quarter-finals, second
leg: Benfica 3, Lusitano of
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2, Lusitania 2; Lusitania
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Austral's new players

Newcastle Austral which, after an unlucky run,
is starting to show its real form with wins against
Awaba and West Wallsend to encourage it, signed
on two new players received.

One is Billy Paton, a left
winger who has played in
international matches for
Scotland and the other Terry
Such, a 24-year-old who has
played with Hakoah, Aub-
urn—when Bruce Morrow,
of Wallsend, was a member
of the team—and Prague.

Paton played in recent
years with Scotland's Youth
team against Ireland and al-
so with the Scottish amateur
side, Ireland again being the
opponent.

He began his football with
Kilwinning Rangers and
Mosstown before going to
Glenafton Athletic, with
which team he played when
it won the Western Scotland
League championships.

Offers came from top-line
clubs, notably Ayr United,
the team in the city in which
he was born, Hibernian,
Hearts and St. Mirren. He
refused them in favour of
coming to Australia.

Paton, who is accom-
panied by his wife, is a fitter
and turner by trade and a
position has been found for
him. He will live in the
Belmont district. If he has
recovered from the plane
trip, Paton will play for
Austral against Cardiff at the
Crystal Palace ground in
Wallsend on Sunday.

Terry Such is a lad from
Lancashire who has been in
Australia since his late
school days. He played with
Hakoah and scored many
goals for it, then had a few
seasons with Auburn and
North Shore before having

a year's spell. Prague then
called on him and he played
a few matches before com-
ing to Newcastle to manage
the Orient Hotel in New-
castle, owned by Mr. Chris
Evans, a keen Soccer sup-
porter.

Such, having his first run
in a match for a long time,
did well enough with New-
castle Austral's Alliance
League side at West Wall-
send on Sunday, till his con-
dition gave out, to suggest
that, once he is fit, he will
be a menace to goalkeepers
in the North.

Such is doing a fine job
with teams from Marist
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ing a telling effect on the
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'UNWANTED' PATON HAS GOING UP ... BURST INTO LIMELIGHT

By TOMMY WORKMAN

What a season this has been for Glenafton's controversial left winger Billy Paton. From the obscurity of a club's "unwanted" list the Ayr boy has fought his way back into the limelight.

Over a year ago Billy could have been found playing in his first season as a Junior with Kilwinning Rangers.

But although he showed ability, he never did quite fit into the Abbey Park attack. So, it was no surprise when he was handed a free transfer halfway through the season.

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Billy Paton, the quick-silver outside left of Glenafton Athletic and Scottish junior international, is in keen senior demand.

St. Mirren and Ayr United were the first to become interested in him and he is certain to step up when Glenafton lose interest in the Scottish Cup.

Another Glenafton player very much in the senior eye is right back George Caldwell. Ipswich Town are the latest club to make inquiries about him. He has already been interviewed by; Patrick Thistle.

Willie Rafferty, centre half or centre forward, has been granted a free transfer at his own request by Neilston.

Willie, who formerly played for Renfrew and St. Anthony, is willing to play a trial for any club, but he would prefer to stay in the Western League.

His best position is centre half, and he can be contracted at 1017 Duke Street, Glasgow.

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FIRST ROUND NOW COMPLETED

In an astounding season of remarkable changing fortunes, half the season has slipped by and who will be the final four is still in the realm of doubt.

Commendably the youthful Lake Macquarie side has weathered the first half without defeat and it will be a wonderful achievement if they can continue with the unbroken sequence until the 18th round on 16th August. Strangely enough it will be against one of the prominent challenging contenders, Wallsend.

I feel that with the acceleration of the tempo in the next nine series of the Competition many upsets will assuredly occur and one would hesitate to anticipate the ultimate results.

The officials of every Club have striven valiantly to place their team on the winning rung of the ladder. In so doing there have been disappointments, even, one might say, bitter disappointments. But as often happens particularly with teams of equal strength the pendulum of fortune could swing more favourably than in the first half.

Briefly, reviewing the season so far it is indelibly written that every team is better conditioned than in other seasons. Coaches have a full appreciation of the paramount need of fitness and this has been markedly revealed this season in every instance.

I was no more convinced of this fact than the Daniels' Cup Final where two

teams after a torrid game on Sunday astounded the large crowd on Monday with a fast open game of ninety minutes of football. It was only in the dying minutes of the game was there visible evidence of tiredness.

The standard of play is steadily improving. There is marked improvement in ball control, more intelligent distribution of the ball and sounder tackling. We have witnessed greater use of the exciting wing play. I am hopeful that this form of attack will be more fully exploited. It is always a crowd pleaser.

An added feature of this season is the gratifying improvement in our Reserve grade of football. A further laudable feature has been the preponderance of young players in the teams. This potential augurs well for the future. Keep persevering Coaches.

Our Second Division has strikingly felt the impact of better football. Many favourable comments are being repeatedly heard of the greatly improved attraction of this Division. I am sure every Soccer follower is thrilled with the splendid revival of interest by the leaders of the Competition. Weston, a soccer centre that over the years produced many outstanding players and teams.

One can envisage a battle royal in the struggle for supremacy in the Third Division. Several teams are having their first year of Divisional Football, but all in all they are making an invaluable contribution to our Code.

Wishing all Club Officials and players a successful culmination to what we expect our best season.

May the pendulum of fortune swing equitably for all teams so that all may taste their share of the joy of winning.

KNOW THE PLAYERS



J. EASTON: Has played a number of season as stopper for Adamstown. One of the best defenders seen in the North.



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SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

We come now to the beginning of the second round with Weston enjoying a nice handy lead of three points and having a goal average of over 5, having only conceded 9 goals in 9 matches. A very good performance and effort.

All games will be played on Sunday and one of the most attractive matches will be at Edgeworth when Young Wallsend meets Jesmond. Two points separate the two teams and on paper they should have very little between them. Jesmond due to the experience they have gained, could be a little too much for the younger Young Wallsend team.

Dudley-Redhead meets Merewether Club and with 8 points separating the two seats area, it is hardly worth this forecast, but sometime the unexpected does happen.

Pan Hellenic will meet Charlestown and here again we have a large difference between the two teams on points and I doubt whether a man can expect Charlestown to defeat Pan Hellenic.

Kearsley journeys to Newcastle and you have to watch these Coalfield fellows a little quietly as one never

knows what they are going to do next but they should gain another two points on Sunday, despite their defeat of last weekend.

Belmont-Swansea journey to Weston and whilst trailing Weston on 7 points, Belmont-Swansea will fully extend Max Hamilton's boys, but the greater experience of the Weston players should be a little too much for the Belmont-Swansea players in the final stages and Weston should maintain their undefeated record.

In the Third Division competition we had nine rounds of fixtures without a drawn game and then in the tenth round, awards were made with two drawn fixtures.

The Saturday fixture this weekend should be one of the most attractive fixtures if not the most attractive of the round for Toronto Diggers are opposed to Macquarie Wanderers. The Diggers have played one more game than the Wanderers but are only leading them by one point. Macquarie Wanderers however have a more impressive goal average, 46 for 11 against compared with Toronto Diggers 26-15, so if one took this

as a yardstick, Macquarie Wanderers should have a comfortable win, but the Toronto ground is tricky and should be worth at least two goals to the home team which would then make this any body's game with Macquarie Wanderers just favoured slightly.

Barnsley will be opposed to South Wallsend and here we should have another close grim struggle with very little if anything between the two teams. I favour South Wallsend by a very narrow margin.

The two wooden spooners meet on Sunday when Teachers' College plays Stockton and this match may easily determine the team to be relegated at the end of the season. Figures give Teachers' College a slight advantage but it is so slight it could easily go the other way.

Nelson Bay meets Tech. College and they should have no difficulty in recording another win, thereby ensuring their second or third position on the premiership table.

Bellbird journeys to The Entrance and whilst they will feel the resistance of the home team stiffened,

they should have no difficulty in returning home with the two points.

This weekend concludes the first round of fixtures in this Division and with four points covering six teams in the premiership table it has become a very interesting competition wherein interest should increase as the second round progresses.

Who is the Secretary of a 1st Div. Club who is reported to have become so excited and jumped so high when his team recorded their first win of the season, that it is reported he suffered a sprained ankle on landing? (No prize for the correct answer).

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CESSNOCK v. WEST WALLSEND
Referee: G. Muir. L'men: A. Brown, L. Mottershead.

CARDIFF v. AWABA
Referee: R. Roth. Linesmen: W. Turner, T. Ayre.

WALLSEND v. ADAMSTOWN
Referee: W. Jones. Linesmen: J. Carlin, C. Jack.

MAITLAND v. LAKE MACQUARIE
Referee: F. Myles. Linesmen: H. Hall, A. Roberts.

A peace offering from the South

Well, what do y'know!
The panjandrums in Sydney Soccer have at least heard that Soccer is played in the North!

They are considering, we are told, a resumption of the annual North-South matches and, what is more, are quoted as most graciously saying, "Of course, some of Australia's greatest footballers came from the North."

No one would have thought it, considering what has been happening in recent seasons.

One Sydney official is quoted as saying: "I understand feeling is running the stranglehold on Soccer by Sydney clubs, and so a resumption of the North-South matches would bring the districts together again."

My, my! Goodness, gracious me!

Such largesse; so many crumbs from the master's table!

Seems to me the "Northern Soccer News" is being read — and heeded — in Sydney Soccer circles.

But DO take notice, won't you, that the official admits there exists a "stranglehold on Soccer by Sydney Clubs". What else could he do, for it is true. In fact, we feel like saying: "I told you so".

We've pointed out the fact often enough.

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